



**WEARE BOARD OF FIRE WARDS  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, August 09, 2010  
\*\*Final Copy\*\***

**PRESENT:** Jon Osborne, Chairman; Frederick W. Hippler, Vice Chairman; Ray Eaton, Interim Fire Chief; Steve Roberts, Dave Hewey, Scott Dinsmore

**GUESTS:** Dan Gorman, Bill Tiffany, Jeff Shepherd, Jan Snyder, Harold Lamb, Diane Lamb, Mike Eldridge, Bob Destefano, Kathy O'Donnell, Dan O'Brien

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Sheila Savaria

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Jon Osborne called the meeting to order at 630.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no comments from the public.

**III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

July Minutes: Frederick Hippler moved to accept the amended minutes of July 12; Dave Hewey seconded, all voted in favor. Bill Tiffany abstained.

Harry Lamb, Retirement: Mr. Lamb read a letter to the board, which will be kept on file with these meeting minutes, stating that he is retiring. In his letter, he discussed his lack of support for the Chief Officers, equipment costs, harassment, and promotions. Mr. Lamb asked for the resignation of Chief Ray Eaton, Captain Scott Dinsmore, and Deputy Chief Robert Richards.

Bill Tiffany commented that he feels Mr. Lamb is being honest and he agrees with his reasons for retiring. Steve Roberts said he feel the department is moving forward and making progress. Mr. Roberts goes on to say issues are brought properly through the chain of command, they will be addressed.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Jeff Shepard, Barn to be built on #404-74, 340 Quaker Street: Mr. Shepard said he has a 70 x 70 (what? Turnaround?). There is an overhead and walkthrough door on either end. He agrees to have fire extinguishers if necessary. Dave Hewey motioned to accept Jeff Shepards' plans for a barn on Quaker Street, with 20 lb. fire extinguishers; Scott Dinsmore second. All voted in favor.

Roger Hardy, Driveway issues, lot \$412-37.2, River Road: Mr. Hardy asked the board to approve the plan for his 400' driveway. Jon Osborn said there should be a 50' long x 20' wide turn around required at the halfway point. Ray Eaton said there should be a pull off on the side of the driveway.

Scott Dinsmore moved to accept Roger Hardy's driveway plan with 50' x 20' turnout approximately 275' off of River Road; Frederick Hippler seconded, all voted in favor.

**V: OTHER BUSINESS:**

Ray Eaton:

- Since last meeting, repaired tanker (air valve) and ladder (cuppling).
- Problem in South Weare with plumbing. They need to pump out tanks when they located the third tank, which is currently not working. It will cost about \$600 to pump out the tanks.
- Three houses on Quaker Street using for a training that they are planning to burn, if it rains.
- Bob has demo truck coming August 12<sup>th</sup> at the central station from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, if anyone wants to come look at it.
- Prisoners power washed the building, and did a lot of ground work.
- Passed out SOGs and there is a lot of editing that needs done to them.
- Bob brought up Eleanor way, where a 15,000 tank was allowed, with idea that they'd come back for 2<sup>nd</sup> phase that may require sprinklers. They have already begun work, so Mr. Eaton is requesting that they check with Chip Meany, or go back into minutes, to see what we should be doing with it.
- Hoping to do testing and promoting with people in department. He will go more into that in work session. Scott Dinsmore commented that Ray Eaton has authority to appoint who he wants.

Jon Osborne:

- Last month it was brought up that Mr. Hewey doing a lot of mowing, and wondered why the contract didn't cover it. Mr. Osborne spoke with Naomi Bolton and discovered that it was in the original contract, then in the last contract signed 2 years ago, it was omitted, The board will have to be added in new contract.
- Bob is working on getting demo trucks, one coming in on Thursday, August 12, will cost approximately \$250,000, which is about \$150,000 less then they were planning. Instead of buying one new, they are going to try brining one in that is already built.
- CIP pages need updating. (4s can't be converted, 5s can be converted. Ray says you need at least 50. 2 way radios are capable. Not sure about the 750s) (*huh?*)
- Work session: Mr. Osborne explained that the problem is money won't be able to be taken out of budget, so chiefs budget line is raised next year? Roberts wants to evaluate we need for officers, develop a criteria and a process for doing that.
- Last year we extended our billing services so we could do it in house. Sue feels strongly we should not be doing it in house because software is expensive, there is 6-9 month training, and the liability for town is tremendous. Contract the department has had for the last 4 years runs out December 12. The board feels it should be re-bid, and kept out of house. The work session is scheduled to September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Safety Complex at 6:30pm.

- Next month, Selectmen having 2 meetings in the usual meeting room for the BOFW; The board decided they will cancel the meeting if there isn't any business by September 9<sup>th</sup>, and reschedule meeting to September 27.

VI: ADJOURNMENT: Scott Dinsmore moved to adjourn at 7:26., Ray Eaton seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Savaria  
Minute Taker